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Deadline is approaching for Federal Disaster Assistance to Private Non-Profit Organizations

Anchorage, AK – Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations affected by the severe winter storms that occurred in October 2004 have until Friday January 14, 2005 to apply for federal disaster assistance.

PNP applicants may contact the **Small Business Administration (SBA) toll-free at 1-800-488-5323.**

PNPs that provide essential governmental services and had damages or losses from the storm are eligible for disaster recovery assistance and are encouraged to apply. At the time of application, FEMA will classify the essential governmental service as either critical or non-critical.

Eligible PNP facilities that provide critical services may apply for a grant through FEMA's cost-sharing Public Assistance program by completing both a Request for Public Assistance and a PNP questionnaire. Some examples of PNP facilities in this category are those that provide bulk fuel storage, power, water, sewer, wastewater treatment, community washeteria, communications, health care, and fire/rescue services.

Eligible PNP facilities that provide non-critical services must first apply to the SBA for a low-interest disaster loan to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries. PNPs should also apply to FEMA, complete a Request for Public Assistance and PNP questionnaire. If SBA cannot approve a loan or meet all the PNP needs, the applicant will be referred back to FEMA.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and effectively manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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